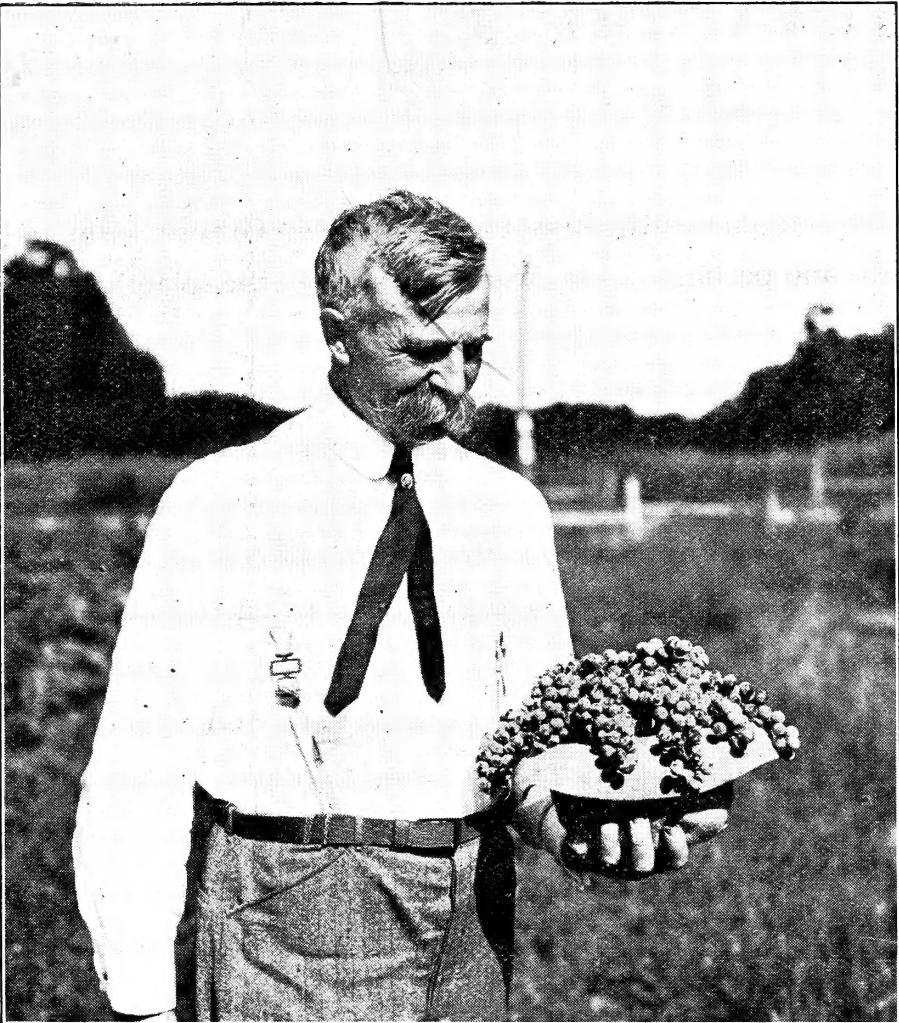


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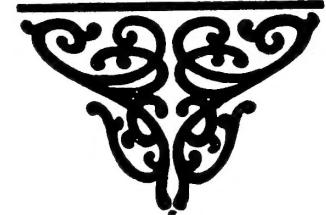


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Luscious Betas

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The New
Grape

T H E B E T A G R A P E

It is but a few years since a man in Minnesota picked the first cluster of Beta Grapes. But today, there are but few who have not heard of them and perhaps have wondered where the plants could be gotten.

Like the Compass Cherry, the hardiest of all cherries, the Beta, the hardiest of all grapes, originated in Minnesota. While there is some difference of opinion as to its parentage, practically all agree that ONE of its parents is the old reliable Concord.

The Beta has been tried out under all imaginable conditions from Iowa to the most northern Canadian Experiment station. In every case it has shown itself superior to the old varieties in hardiness and ability to bear an abundance of splendid fruit.

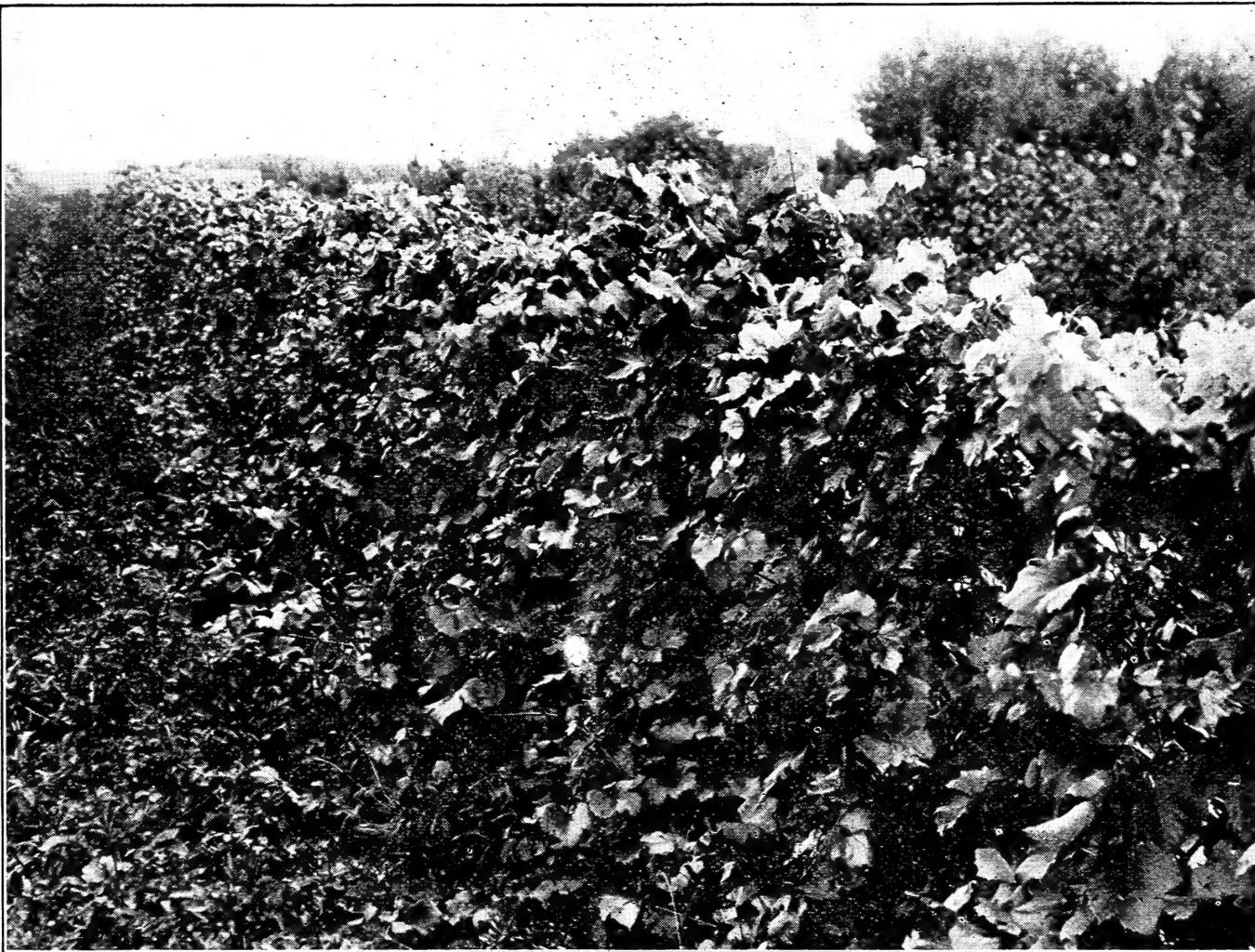
All Horticultural Societies unite in recommending it for planting throughout the Northwest. It needs no covering to protect it through the winter. It is just as hardy as wild grape. Where the wild grape will grow and mature fruit, the BETA will.

Notice the photograph and you will see the remarkable size of the fruit and the clusters. It bears early, in many cases the vines if properly cared for, will bear the year after it is set out. It is a heavy bearer and it takes but a few vines to supply a family.

Like the wild grape there seems to be no plant disease or bug that attacks the Beta.

The Beta is the only grape that can be safely and satisfactorily planted in the Northwest.

THE BETA GRAPE



Twenty, 2-year old Beta Vines on a Trellis---Crop Twelve Bushels

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James Knox of Alpena, S. D., in a report to the South Dakota Horticultural Society says: I think the Beta is the most promising material we have. It is hardy without winter protection."

A. W. Latham, Secretary of the Minnesota Horticultural Society, says of it: "The Beta Grape has special value in this latitude on account of its extreme hardiness. It is a rapid grower and an early and abundant bearer. When it is considered that it winters without being taken from the trellis, you will perceive its value to the general planter who has neither time or inclination to prune and bury the vines as it is necessary to do to grow the older varieties."

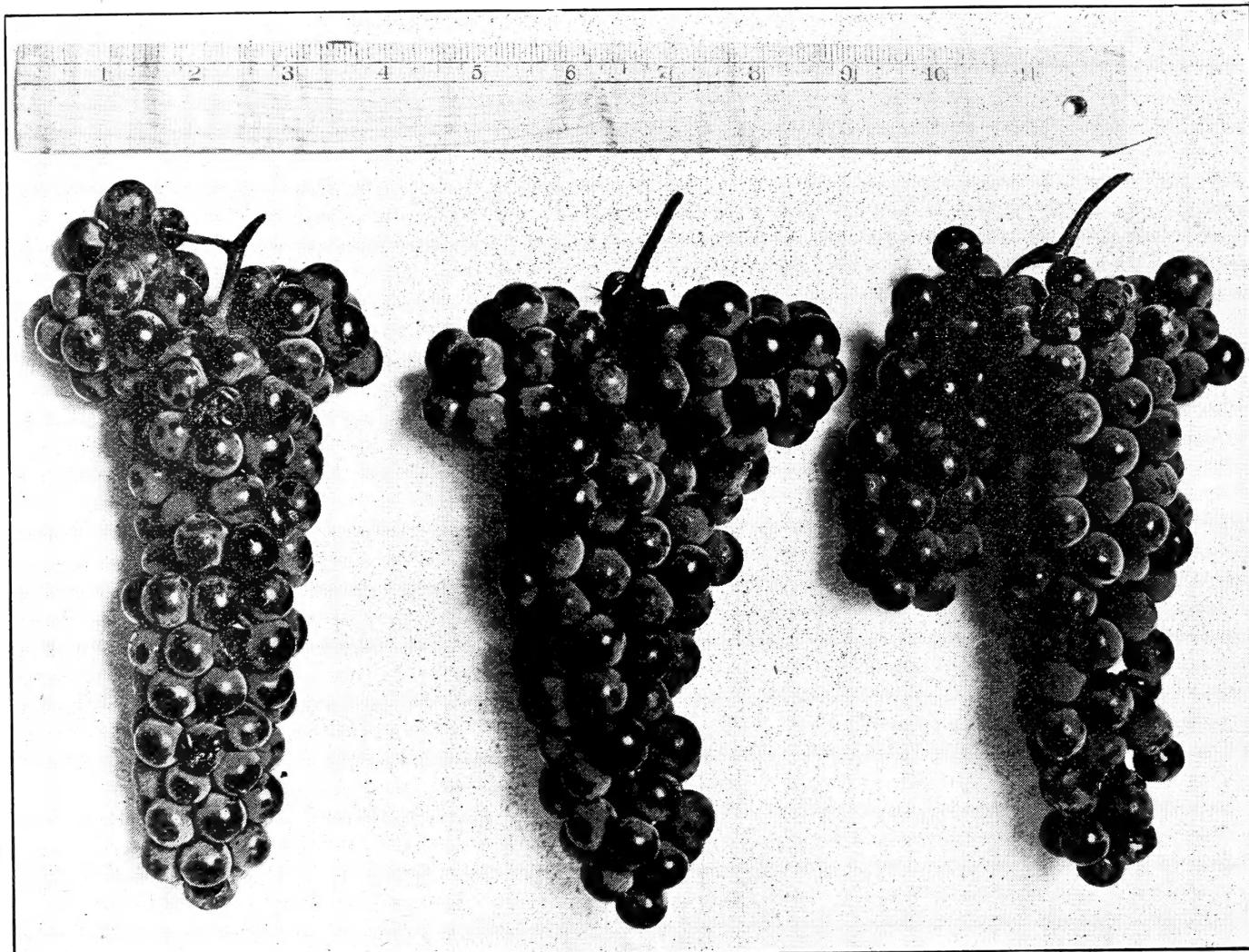
C. B. Waldron, Professor of Horticulture, North Dakota Agricultural College at Fargo says: I have no doubt of the absolute hardiness of the Beta Grape. It fruited this year at our station at Edgely yielding a pretty good crop of grapes for North Dakota.

Clarence Wedge of Albert Lea, Minn., says: "I never thought so much of the Beta as I do this year. I have had a number of bunches that weighed three quarters of a pound and the fruit is so sweet and good that we are having a great demand for it in the local market."

S. D. Buchanan, St. Charles, Manitoba, says: "The Beta Grape ripened with us this year." 1910.



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Three Bunches of Betas Make One Foot

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has been recommended for planting by the leading Horticulturists and Horticultural Societies of

Minnesota

Nebraska

Wisconsin

Montana

Iowa

Manitoba

South Dakota

Saskatchewan

North Dakota

Alberta

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Beta vines will have grapes on the year after they are set out.

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